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1. The proposed amendments to claims 1, 11, and 28 filed on Mar. 13, 2008, after the mailing of the final rejection on Jan. 15, 2008, raise new issues. The proposed amendments to claims 1, 11, and 28 change the claim language "comprises" in the limitation "X further comprises a 1,2-ethanediylidene group, a 1,4-diphenylenedimethylidyne group . . ." (emphasis added) to -- is --, such that the proposed limitation reads -- X further is a 1,2-ethanediylidene group, a 1,4-diphenylenedimethylidyne group . . . -- (emphasis added). The proposed "narrower" limitation was not present in the claims when the final rejection was mailed and raises new issues that would have to be further addressed in the obviousness-type double patenting rejections over the claims in US 7,261,987 set forth in the final rejection.

2. The examiner's refusal to enter the amendment filed on Mar. 13, 2008, after the mailing of the final rejection, renders applicants' arguments regarding said amendment moot. Instant claims 1, 4, 5, 7-14, 17, 18, 28, 31, and 32 stand rejected for the reasons discussed in the final rejection.